1925.

PORT SANITARY REPORT.

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To the Members of the Newhaven Port Sanitary Authority.

Madam and Gentlemen,

I beg to present to you my Annual Report as Medical Officer of Health for the Port of Newhaven during the year 1925.

During the year 1925 the health of the crews in the ships entering this harbour has been very good.

The only cases of sickness and accident which came under my notice were as follows:-

March 5th S.S. Brighton ---------- Epilepsy.
Sept. 1st S.S. Versailles---------- Injured finger.
Sept. 5th S.S. Portsmouth---------- Gastritis.
Sept.24th S.S. Cherbourg---------- Injured head.
Sept.26th S.S. Newhaven---------- Crushed thumb.
Octr.23rd S.S. Portsmouth---------- Injured head.

No cases of Venereal Disease were reported in the Port. In respect of the prevention of the importation and spread of Infectious Disease in the Port there is a quarantine station situated in Sleepers Hole: the Port possesses an up to date and well equipped Isolation Hospital to which cases of Infectious Disease can be expeditiously removed ~~xxxx~~ for treatment.

Cases of Smallpox are removed to the Smallpox Hospital at Chailey, and for this purpose arrangements are in force whereby an Ambulance can be obtained from Brighton.

In case of the incidence of Smallpox in the Port a sufficient supply of Calf Lymph is kept in cold ~~xxx~~ storage at Brighton whence it can be obtained at very short notice: this supply is renewed every two months.

In case of the occurrence of Plague on board any ship entering the Port it is proposed to apply a 3 feet wrapping over the mooring ropes and to have this tarred daily to prevent the incursion of rats on ~~the~~ the shore.

The only foreign port with which Newhaven has any considerable trade is Dieppe, and the main risk of the introduction of infectious disease is from Aliens arriving here from Europe.

The ships in the Port have been periodically examined during the year, 198 inspections having been made by the Inspector and myself. Twelve minor defects were discovered all of which were remedied.

The only place available for the cleansing and disinfection of verminous persons and their clothing is the Isolation Hospital situated about 1½ miles from the Port.

There is no disinfecting station on the Quay, and cases of such nature are deported to France: the occurrence of such cases lately has been rare.

ALIENS ORDER 1920.

During the year 1925, the number of Aliens entering the Port was 29,003 of whom 28,822 were allowed to land, and 181 were rejected.

The Medical Inspection of Aliens is carried out by myself in conjunction with Dr. Nash.

The number of Aliens medically inspected during the year was 28,562, and the number submitted to medical examination was 2,393 of whom 23 were rejected for the following reasons:-

Inguinal Hernia----------4
Loss of Leg----------3
Mental Defixiency----------3
Heart Disease----------2
Loss of Eyesight----------1
Spinal Curvature----------2
Alcoholism----------1
Impetigo Contagiosa----------1

Loss of Fingers----------1
Rheumatoid Arthritis-------1
Gonorrhoea----------1
Dhobie Itch----------1
Broken Knee Cap----------1
Weakness after Encephalitis Lethargica--1

Total 23.

THE FOREIGN MEAT & UNSOUND FOOD REGULATIONS.

The Chief food imports into the Port of Newhaven during the year 1925 consisted of considerable quantities of Fruit and Fresh Vegetables including Potatoes from the Channel Islands. There was also some Fish and a considerable number of eggs from the Balkan States.

No unsound food was discovered during the year. Four samples from a consignment of Strawberry Pulp were taken for analysis, and found to be sound: the consignment was then released.
Six consignments of hams which did not comply with the Regulations were stopped and returned, to France.

PASSENGER SERVICE BETWEEN NEWHAVEN AND DIEPPE.

	No of Voyages.	No of Passengers.
Newhaven to Dieppe.		
1921	653	81,043
1922	749	96,284
1923	756	124,307
1924	766	138,698
1925	776	149,330
Dieppe to Newhaven.		
1921	653	79,966
1922	748	97,803
1923	757	121,416
1924	766	135,287
1925	776	145,970

FORM A.

Amount of Shipping entering the Port Sanitary District during the year 1925.

		Number	Tonnage	Number Inspected: By the M.O.H.	By the S.I.	Number reported to be defective	Number of Orders issued
Foreign	Steamers	1255	537,446	16	61	7	7
	Motor	No returns					
	Sailing	12	819		14		
	Fishing	No returns			4		
Total Foreign		1267	538,265	16	79	7	7
Coastwise	Steamers	643	134,513	6	76	4	4
	Motor	No returns			11	1	1
	Sailing	9	759		10		
	Fishing	No returns					
Total Coastwise		652	135,272	6	97	5	5
Total Foreign & Coastwise		1919	673,539	22	176	12	12

FORM B Rats destroyed in 1925.

Number of	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apl	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sept	Octr	Novr	Decr	Total in Yr
Black Rats													
Brown Rats				N O	T	K N	O W	N					
Rats Examined													
Rats infected with plague													
"not infected													

Precautions against Plague.
FORM C.
Particulars relating to Vessels "Infected" or "Suspected" or from Infected Ports.

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FORM D.
Vessels (other than those dealt with in Form C) subjected Measures of Rat Destruction.

Number of Vessels fumigated by S.O.2.	Number of Rats killed.	Number of Vessels fumigated by HCN	Number of Rats killed.	Number of Vessels in which trapping, poisoning, etc were employed	Number Rats killed	Number of Fumigation certificates issued on Form Port 10	Number of other certificates issued.	Remarks
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.
Nil	-	Nil	-	6	Not known	Nil	Nil	

Imports and Exports.

The Chief Imports and Exports at the Port of Newhaven are as follows:-

IMPORTS.

Apparel and Silk Goods.
Scientific Instruments.
Drugs.
Perfumery.
Fruit.
Motor and Cycle Parts.
Provisions.
Vegetables.
Watches and Clocks.
Fancy Goods.
Metal, Glass and Rubber Manufactures.

EXPORTS.

Raw Rubber.
Metal (unmanufactured.
Raw Wool
Hams and Bacon.
Furniture.
Tissues.
Machinery.
Skins and Leathers.
Beer.
Seeds.
Fish. Wet and Dry.

RATS.

The Cross Channel Steamers are overhauled periodically for the presence of rats. During rat week the whole of the quays and warehouses were specially dealt with by the Authorities with the help of the Railway and Harbour Companies when the results obtained were satisfactory: the Authorities have decided to carry on this system but to carry it out three timesa year instead of once only.

My thanks are greatly due to the Officials of the Southern Railway and Harbour Companies, the Customs andthe Home Office for the willing help they always give me in the performance of my duties.

I a, Madam and Gentlemen,
Yours obediently,
Rodie Parkhurst.

Febr 22nd 1926.